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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING METAL FORMED PRODUCT

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of 79 pages
- ☒ 41 sheet(s) of Forty-one drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee
- ☒ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.76

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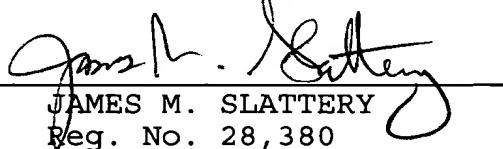
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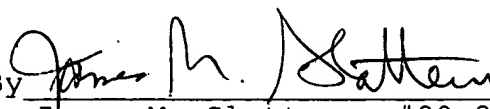
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